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North Spokane Corridor construction resumes on Monday

Crews from the Max J. Kuney Company of Spokane will begin work on another component of the US 395/North Spokane Corridor freeway project on Monday, March 22, 2004.

This project includes the lowering of Farwell Road by approximately 12 ft. in a short section located between US 2 and Market Street. Then, four new bridges will be constructed over Farwell Road. These bridges will carry traffic for the new North/South Freeway and provide on/off ramps to US 2 that will be built in the future. Seventeen retaining walls will also be built on this project to retain embankments for the bridges and one of the ramps. A new storm sewer pipe for the nearby aluminum plant will be built to replace the pipe that will be removed with the lowering of Farwell Road. Utility lines for Whitworth Water, Qwest, Avista Gas & Power, and Spokane County sewer will need to be relocated to allow for the construction on this project.

Traffic will be detoured around the majority of the construction. This will be accomplished by building a two lane detour 32 ft wide and approximately 2,700 ft long to the north of the existing Farwell Road. This detour will begin and end at the two ends of the projects construction limits near US 2 to just east of Cherry Street.

Flaggers will be on site at various times while the detour is built and then as required by the other work on the project. Minor delays can be expected at the beginning of the project and at other short periods during the job.

Max J. Kuney is the prime contractor on this \$4,975,935 project. The work should be completed no later than mid-December 2004, unless adverse weather conditions require a work suspension. This contract is the first of the NSC work funded under the 2003 Legislature's "Nickel" package. The Legislature appropriated \$189 million to the NSC for a series of six contracts over the next seven years.

An earlier project, completed in 2002, consisted of earthwork to the south of Farwell Road.

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